

In the Drawings

A REPLACEMENT SHEET for changes made to the drawing figure of page 2 is submitted herewith.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the specification

The specification is amended, as shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION, to provide written support for the changes made in the drawings in view of the objection to the drawings. No new matter is added to the application since spouts 57 were described in the specification as originally filed.

Entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

2. In the drawings

Figure 2 is presently amended in the REPLACEMENT SHEET of page 2 of the drawings. Specifically, spouts designated by boxes and reference numeral 57 are added at the jointing portion between the upper shaft portion and the lower shaft portion. No new subject matter is introduced, since only identification of originally disclosed conventional features is provided by way of the amendment (application page 7, lines 14-16; claims 6 and 7).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(n) and 1.83(a), as discussed in M.P.E.P. §608.02(V) and 608.02(d), the spouts, which are of conventional design (application page 7, lines 16-17), have been illustrated in amended Fig. 2 by boxes. Such symbolic representation may be used to describe conventional features, such as the spouts, when a detailed drawing of the features is not essential for a proper understanding of the apparatus.

Because the spouts are conventional, and a detailed drawing of the spouts is not essential to the proper understanding of the apparatus, symbolic boxes are an appropriate way to show the spouts in the figures.

Acceptance of the REPLACEMENT SHEET is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

3. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

A. Claims 1-9

Claim 7 is amended to recite that “some of the at least one spout are” disposed at the end of the upper spoke and “others of the at least one spout are disposed” at the jointing portion of the upper spoke and the lower spoke. No new matter is added, since support for the amendment is clearly found in amended Fig. 2 of the pending application and at least in the second paragraph on page 7, and claims 6 and 7 of the accompanying description in the specification. No waiver of equivalents is anticipated since this amendment is merely correcting an informality pointed out in an objection to the claim.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are left unchanged.

Entry of the AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Objection to claim 7

As discussed above, claim 7 is amended to clarify that there are some spouts at the ends of the upper spokes and other distinct spouts at the jointing portion between the upper spokes and the lower spokes.

Accordingly, removal of this objection is respectfully requested.

4. Allowable subject matter

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the indicated allowability of claims 1-9.

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5. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the specification, drawings and claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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